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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2276
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
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SUBJ: AFGHAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION

REF: MOSCOW 5177 ✓

1. MIRZA SAMAH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS
IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS CONFIRMED
CONCLUSION CONTAINED REFTEL THAT NEW JOINT AFGHAN-SOVIET
AGREEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION --
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION --
WAS THE PUBLIC CENTERPIECE OF PRESIDENT DAUD'S RECENT VISIT
TO MOSCOW. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 18,
SAMAH ALSO SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC DETAILS ARE
NOT YET PUBLICLY AVAILABLE, THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WOULD
NOT COVER COMMERCIAL TRADE, BUT WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY
CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE JOINT
COMMISSION WOULD, IN ESSENCE, BE A PROJECT REVIEW
GROUP. ACCORDING TO SAMAH, THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT
DOES NOT SPELL OUT ANY NEW SOVIET AID PROJECTS.
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2. COMMENT: THE ONLY THING APPARENTLY NEW IN

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THESE ARRANGEMENTS IS THE JOINT COMMISSION. THE
AGREEMENT, ITSELF, SEEMS MORE A NORMALIZATION OF
EXISTING PRACTICES THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
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